



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application : MATHIAS UHLEN ET AL.  
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For : A METHOD OF AFFINITY SEPARATION  
AND LIGANDS FOR USE THEREIN  
Examiner : J. Epperson  
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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In Reply to the Official Action mailed September 10, 2003,  
Applicants submit herewith the following amendments and remarks: